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### Navajo Filmmaker Looking for Cast for Sundance Project

ALBUQUERQUE— Navajo Filmmaker, Ramona Emerson, is looking for cast for a independent short to be shot in Tohajiilee the last week of July. Casting Director, Elizabeth Gabel, will be holding an open casting call, Sunday, May 29 at Far Horizon Studio, 300 Washington SE, Suite 304 from 1 pm to 4 pm and is looking for Navajo/Native American girls and boys, and adults.

Emerson, co-founder of Reel Indian Pictures, has been making films for 17 years and was chosen as a 2010 Sundance Institute- Ford Foundation Fellow for her screenplay "Opal" about young Navajo girls growing up on the reservation. Emerson was a winner of the New Mexico Governor's cup for her Documentary "A Return Home" a Navajo woman's return to culture, community and identity.

"There are three things in life that Opal Shorty loves: her bike, Grandma's mutton stew, and Charles Bronson movies. But when the sanctity of her summer is threatened by the town bully -and his NO GIRLS ALLOWED restrictions - Opal is forced to rise to the occasion and take him down," says Emerson.

"OPAL is more than just a short film - it is a vehicle for not only the larger goal of making OPAL into a feature film - but for the budding young girls out there that want to look for more in their lives... a chance to make their dreams a reality and to do it on their terms."

For more information about "Opal" and Reel Indian Pictures, please go to [www.reelinddianpictures.com](http://www.reelinddianpictures.com)  
Elizabeth Gabel has cast extras in such films as "Terminator Salvation," the Oscar®-winning "No Country for Old Men," "3:10 to Yuma", "Appaloosa", "True Grit" , and "Cowboys and Aliens" among others.

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